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ARCHBISHOP CERETTI, our distinguished visitor from the Vatican, is reported to have said on landing in New York:

"America is looked upon as the hope of the world."

Everybody will agree with the remark, but few realize that it applies possibly, also, to the mission-fields of the Catholic world. Already America's contribution of money to the missions bids fair to out-rival all other countries; and the small group of its priests now beyond the frontiers may yet prove the vanguard of a great army.

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IN a strong editorial under the title, "Will the Protestants Provoke Us?", the *Western Watchman* refers to the tentative plan adopted recently in New York City by a union of nineteen home-and-foreign-mission boards of as many different Protestant organizations. This plan calls for a yearly budget of \$100,000,000.

The *Watchman* properly commends the enterprise of our separated brethren in contrast to the inexcusable apathy of

those in the household of the Faith, whom it hastens to remind that "*God will work wonders in our behalf only on condition that we are willing to put forth a decent measure of cooperation.*"

The writer, following a suggestion in *The Ecclesiastical Review*, calls for a nation-wide collection for the general mission needs, including those abroad and at home. He sees the immediate possible realization of ten million dollars as the result of a "perfect propaganda and collective organization"—if this word could be sent over the country:

Not one cent for pleasure during Lent, and our savings from Ash Wednesday to Laetare Sunday for the general needs of the Church at home and abroad.

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WITH the Government lid off our paper supply THE FIELD AFAR propaganda is beginning to sizzle again, and in spite of the regrettable losses caused by failure of subscribers to renew, we hope to see the present circulation climb steadily. To be where we should be a subscription list of one hundred thousand would be a long step in the right direction. We have actually reached about two-fifths of this distance, and we have done so by methods which bishops and priests have kindly recognized as "dignified and praiseworthy."

Recent successful efforts in this direction have been made in the diocese of Newark by one of our priests and in the educational institutions of the Middle West by another. Two of our auxiliary brothers have also been "out on propaganda," but most of their

time has been needed to visit delinquent subscribers, who habitually make up by the kindness of their reception for the trouble and expense which they unwittingly cause.

We find, too, that interested readers are "talking us up," and the results of this initiative on their part are most gratifying. If our readers knew the value of such co-operation there is no one of them who would not extend it, at least to the extent of a single subscription—and this multiplied by forty thousand would mean much.

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THE American missionaries have touched the soil of the field allotted to them in China, and it is quite safe to assume that no one of their friends at home ever heard, until recently, of any town in their district. Even yet its two centers, *Yeungkong* and *Loting*, are hardly familiar enough to be interesting.

Of *Yeungkong*, something has been said in these pages: of *Loting*, next to nothing, because we ourselves knew it only as a place without priest or altar, where some day the Blessed Sacrament could find another manger—over which angels would watch. Yet in this same *Loting*, as in *Yeungkong*, Protestantism is already established, with chapel, school, and hospital.

Nor are such installations by our Protestant brethren as rare in the interior of China as some good Catholics are inclined to think. There is one evangelizing body, the *China Inland Mission*, that seeks just such places, remote and difficult of access, and its workers are often obliged to suffer many hardships in their travels, if not in their homes. There is, of course, the long furlough as compensation and, in many instances, a long summer period of relaxation in some health resort, but life at its best in these regions is not agreeable to the natural man, reared in Western civilization.



"Hail, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee."

And while speaking of Protestants and mission work, we wish that this oft-repeated sentence might be thrown into the discard: *They have so much money!*

There is among Catholics a general impression that *all* the money expended for Protestant foreign missions is gathered from people of wealth. This is not true, although undoubtedly a goodly proportion can be traced to large legacies and to subsidies from far-seeing business men. However, hundreds and thousands of comparatively poor Protestants in this country give to the missions, and give generously.

If American Catholics have seemed to lack money for the missions it is simply because they have not set into full movement the magnificent and much-envied organization which is theirs by faith and God's grace.

It is a commonplace today that if all the Catholic elements in America were united in works, as they are in faith, America would soon be Catholic and so Catholic that its charity would break national bounds and flood pagan lands with the crystal stream of God's pure love.

Pittsburgh Gifts.

THROUGH the Bishop of Pittsburgh we received in January two Liberty Bonds of one thousand dollars each, one from a member of the Catholic Women's League of that city, who desired her gift to be added to the Burse of Our Lady of Mercy, the other from a sodalist to begin a *Vénard* School burse under the title of *The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary Burse*.

A few weeks later there came from the Rev. Chancellor in Pittsburgh a check for \$2,200, representing the generous apportionment allotted to Maryknoll by the Pittsburgh Diocesan Mission Aid Society. This organization gathers from all parishes in the diocese but leaves to the individual pastor the choice of methods and beneficiaries. The undesigned gifts are bulked and distributed to several mission agencies and organizations in this country.

For several years past Maryknoll has been kept on this list and has received, all told, from the Pittsburgh diocesan allotments, \$9,700. This figure does not include gifts that have come directly to Maryknoll and were in turn reported to Fr. Danner, who directs the Pittsburgh Society. These gifts during the past year amounted to \$4,712.75.

We have only begun what must be made a great apostolate before we realize our Catholic duty to those "that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death." As we build up amongst us such an apostolate we shall at the same time create within us that Catholic spirit which alone can appreciate the value and need of supporting foreign missions. . . . Our country is getting a world vision and our Catholic people are acquiring a sense of their world responsibility—The Missionary.

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The Note Page.

Junior readers of this paper will be pleased to know that their department has outgrown its space in these pages and will appear hereafter as a separate paper, beginning with eight pages. It will be published every month for twenty-five cents a year.

WE notice a marked increase in the number of requests for sample copies of THE FIELD AFAR. This is more than gratifying. It is proof that our readers are beginning to realize that we have no paid canvassers and that this work is *theirs* as well as *ours* to push.

Rev. P. O'Gorman, C. M., of Dublin, writes from Italy, where he has seen chaplain service, and says that he and four other Irish Vincentians are about to leave for the Peking Vicariate, where they will labor under Bishop Jarlin. This will be good news for English-speaking residents in that city.

The "Victory Loan" is in the air, a frank appeal by our Government for a final act of confidence in its great institutions and high principles. Catholics, as usual, will not be behindhand in their patriotic duty.

Much of our sorrow comes from the fact that we do not use the right term in making our comparisons.

The true missionary does not compare his lot with the comforts which he has left behind, but with the hardships of those whom he has followed.

One of Maryknoll's special needs is a multiplication of *talkers* and *writers*. The priest in and out of the pulpit, in season and out of season; the young, the old, and those between; teachers, artisans, professional men; entertainers, amateur or professional, all can help to push this great Catholic idea of the world's conversion; and, what is better to say, all are even now beginning to do it.

It is gratifying to record a striking increase in Perpetual Memberships over last year, the number having been more than doubled. The fact that a fifty dollar Liberty Bond secures one of these Memberships may account partly for this increase, as several Memberships were taken out with bonds.

Referring to their visit to the much-esteemed Archbishop of St. Louis, one of our missionaries wrote:

We had twenty minutes with Archbishop Glennon. He spoke of his men at Maryknoll by name and surprised us all with his intimate knowledge of our progress. We enjoyed every moment with His Grace, but nothing pleased us so much as hearing him say that "giving men to Maryknoll is only *quid pro quo*, as it results to the diocese in increased zeal."

The Maryknoll Calendar was a very modest one, but from the many kind words said about it we are inclined to believe that it answers the purpose quite as well as if it were larger and more elaborate.

The group picture of our missionaries will frighten those apostolic souls if ever they see it, but they will be pleased to know that it is keeping their needs, spiritual and temporal, in the prayers of good friends by the score.

Fr. Maguire (Very Rev. John Patrick, of the Premonstratensian Order), a missionary from Africa, died recently in Chicago. Fr. Maguire, who visited Maryknoll shortly after his arrival in New York, had a lovable personality that endeared him to all whom he met. It is said that while in Africa he made a journey, accompanied by only one hundred bearers, to a savage tribe which the Belgian Commandant declared he could not approach with five thousand troops. Fr. Maguire reported the pacification of the tribe and was later decorated by the Belgian Government.

We ask a prayer for the soul of this worthy missionary.

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Congratulations to Philadelphia Catholics on the successful report of their work for the Propagation of the Faith! In Dr. Garrigan's report which is before us we read that the year's returns were nearly \$125,000; that in addition to that sum, the Irish Mission to China collected over \$13,000; and that Maryknoll received more than \$10,000 from priests and people in that archdiocese who are interested in our work.

A layman, Mr. Leo F. Hannegan, who has lived in Alaska, was so impressed with the mission work of Sisters of St. Joseph there that he is now appealing for funds to aid them. He writes from 1521 Twenty-third Ave., Oakland, California, and asks that contributions be forwarded either to his address or directly to the Sister Superior, Seward General Hospital, Seward, Alaska.

American Catholics will yet have their Laymen's Missionary Enterprises as returned travelers return from distant points.

Nation-wide comment in Catholic papers has been made on the fact that Senator-elect David I. Walsh—a friend of Maryknoll, by the way—stood sponsor recently at Notre Dame College for two Chinese boys whom he met on the steamer when returning from the Far East a few years ago.

The ex-Governor would, doubtless, not consider this act as worthy of special comment, but it showed the spirit of propaganda, with an appreciation of Chinese souls, that is worthy of imitation.

Dunwoodie in France.

MANY of our New York readers know the writer of the lines that follow. Rev. Dr. Mitty left a professorship at Dunwoodie, the New York archdiocesan seminary, to go to the front.

My old regiment was in a Depot Division, training replacements, and I did not have a ghost of a show for the Front—so I succeeded in getting a transfer and to my delight was assigned to Boston's own—the old 9th Mass. The outfit has been in all the big things since February and has made a great reputation. And it is as good at going to Church and the Sacraments as it is at fighting. I never saw such a Church-going regiment.

I joined the regiment shortly before the end near Verdun. I saw only a little of a real chaplain's work—but I did get some notion of modern warfare. I never dreamt it could be so horrible. Verdun itself is in ruins—the Germans have peppered it for years. I was in the Citadel for a while and they could pop shells there with great regularity. To the north east, where the regiment was in the line, there was not a stone left on a stone in any of the villages—the condition of towns and fields beggars description. The Boches had held that territory so long they knew the range for every spot and it was tough work for the ammunition and supply wagons and ambulances to traverse the roads. But our boys are marvels—they lived in constant danger, under incredible conditions, with a constant grin. I had much burial work there. I was in Verdun when the prisoners began to come back—I shall never forget the sight of those thousands and thousands of famished creatures. Please God, it must never happen again.

After the armistice we were pulled out and hiked a 10-day hike to our Rest Area, near Chaumont, to be deloused and cleaned. We all had the cooties—an awful pest. Just now my vision of happiness is to wallow in a tub of hot water and get clean once more. As for the future—we do not know if it is home or Germany.

I have finally gotten my copies of THE FIELD AFAR and they were certainly a treat. I am more than delighted at your large number this year. God prosper Maryknoll—I hope you escaped any losses from influenza and that all are well. My affectionate regards to all and my sincerest wishes for the season's blessings.

Fraternally,

John J. Mitty,
Chaplain 101 Inf.

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Burse Hints.

YES, we know it: St. Joseph's Burse should have gone "over the top" long before this, and we hope that the fault is not ours, but we fear that it is, because our friends are good and need only to be reminded. March 19 is the feast day of that silent and lovable Saint. His Burse at this writing lacks fifteen hundred dollars of completion.

As for St. Patrick and his Burse, he has been passed over so many times that we begin to think of him as the humblest of apostles. Of this we are certain, that every reader with a drop of Irish blood in his (or her) veins, and many others who have not even that much, would love to see St. Patrick in the honor list of Completed Burses. A good resolution for March 17 will be to call on St. Patrick for his intercession rather than to drink to his memory. O sons and daughters of Erin, let us place the name of this glorious apostle where it belongs.

Cordial welcome are two of the English words used by *Les Missions de Chine* to hail the coming of Maryknoll apostles. This magazine, published in Peking, reproduces a photograph of the "big four" and says:

Cordial welcome! We use these two words of their language to tell the newly-arrived Americans our brotherly wishes. Over in France it was a long and joyous cry that followed the great news, "The Yankees are coming!" Not less great is our joy in witnessing the arrival of this first contingent from the American Seminary for Foreign Missions, and we express a fervent hope that for the glory of God, for the good of souls, and for the welfare of China, the American Catholic missionaries will work as well in China as their fellow-patriots have worked in France."

Yes, we take Thrift Stamps and we are glad to get them. Those that are coming now are helping to erect the first portion of the new Vénard Apostolic College, near Scranton.

Observations in the Orient—

already announced—should be a finished product shortly after this issue of THE FIELD AFAR appears. Of the new book, Dr. Scanlan, *Censor Librorum* for the archdiocese of New York, writes:

My hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes for this child of the New Year. Every reader will secure a world of information about the Orient and the religious field there. As one reads of those heroes of God—priests and brothers and sisters—and of their self-sacrificing lives, one feels proud indeed of his kinship with them in the grand old Catholic faith. Your book will do a tremendous amount of good in inspiring our American readers to put their shoulders to the wheel and "do their bit" to keep up the hands of these servants of God.

Maryknoll is the nursery of vocations to the great white harvest field. "OBSERVATIONS IN THE ORIENT" will be the precursor, scattering the good seed into every corner of the earth, and thus preparing the ground and backing up the noble work which the sons of Maryknoll will do for God and country in fields afar. This is my wish and prayer for that splendid and inspiring book, "Observations in the Orient."

The Maryknoll Mite-Box seeks only the crumbs from your table or the mite of sacrifice. Send for one today and place it where it may effectively plead the mission cause during Lent.

Don't forget that on the Vénard College Laundry and Power-House we are hoping, through your kindness, to place a historical tablet, bearing these precious words:

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By using or selling these Seals you will contribute your mite towards carrying the Faith to the pagan world.

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The Missionary Association of
Catholic Women
834 36th Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Readers' Suggestions— Offered and Taken.

THIS offering is in honor of dear St. Joseph, in thanksgiving for cures. The dear Saint cannot refuse anything when an offering for the foreign missions is promised. The missionary spirit is spreading here, thank God, and all through St. Joseph, the first foreign missionary!
—N.H.

The Sophomore Class of Notre Dame would be very grateful if you would kindly forward a mite-box to us, as we have started a "Self-Denial Club."
—Conn.

It was a good suggestion that you printed in THE FIELD AFAR, that of sending the paper to some poor missionaries. Enclosed is a subscription for such a one, and may he enjoy it as much as I do.
—Mass.

I look forward with pleasure to the coming of the most interesting magazine printed; and from the time it arrives until I have read it from cover to cover I do not put it aside for any reason.
—N.Y.

Several of his friends collected this money for flowers, but it was decided to use it for Masses for his soul instead. Please enroll his name for two years as an Associate Member in your Society, and with the balance make an offering to some missionary priest, to say Masses for his soul.
—Conn.

I have gained another friend for the best paper on the map, THE FIELD AFAR. It happened this way. My brother John invited an officer from the navy to visit. I showed him THE FIELD AFAR and your little calendar, and incidentally spoke of your wonderful work for the missions. It was all new to the listener, but he was much interested and gave me a dollar to have you send him the paper.
—Mass.

A friend has given me an envelope to use for savings for the foreign missions. She is a non-Catholic and got the envelope at her church. Their plan is to put into the envelope a cent for every rainy day, and five cents for every snowy day and also every real stormy day in the summer. My envelope has twenty-five cents in it so far, and if I live through the year you shall hear from it. But I hope we have some sunny days, too. This scheme shows what the Protestants are doing for the missions. They try so many different things, and our own people think so little about the matter at all.
—N.J.

Maryknollers Abroad.



BAGGAGE-SMASHER ON THE
BUND, CANTON

Fr. Walsh writes:

Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Canton, China.
Nov. 12, 1918.

Fr. Meyer and I are very much at home here already and our visit is making a very pleasant introduction to our life in China. All are extremely kind to us, and though they must laugh at our barbarous French they are too polite to do so to our faces, so we are serenely happy. Frs. Price and Ford will join us in a few weeks, and the Bishop is expected before Christmas, so we shall probably be still here when you get this. Fr. Gauthier is with us and has quite taken us under his wing. I am sure that we shall all work well together.

Today is a holiday on account of the Armistice. These Frenchmen almost went wild at the news and we have been drinking healths "à la victoire." They are very generous in giving all the credit to us—and in fact, everywhere America seems to be on every one's tongue. Our country's prestige is at its height and it is a good time for American missionaries to be here.

Fr. Meyer and I are hard at work with the Chinese language. We have a native professor who teaches us for four hours a day; then we study in private besides, so the days pass quickly. I cannot venture an opinion as to our progress—we have been at it only a few days. It is without doubt difficult, but I suppose we shall catch on. Of course, it is just a matter of memory to learn the meanings of the words, and there is practically no grammar to learn, but the tones! I see now one advantage of learning plain chant—also the Greek accents. Chinese is like both "only more so."

I am a sort of Chaplain to the Holy Ghost Orphanage (Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, of Outremont, where your former secretary is) just now, as the priest who goes there regularly is ill. I say Mass there every morning and baptize a "bunch" of "thieves of Heaven" now and then. I am repaid already for coming to China.

Nov. 21, 1918.

This will be hardly more than a note to wish you and all at Maryknoll a very happy Christmas and every blessing from God. I hope this will reach you in time to tell you that on that day we shall be with you in spirit, as we know you will be with us, in spite of the distance that separates us.

Fr. Meyer and I received your letters on November 15, and they were mighty welcome.

You ask for my impressions—I sent you some fugitive ones along the way, but I don't feel ready yet to form any real opinions on conditions here. We hear lots of random talk, of course, but any fixed idea at this time would only be snap judgment, for me at least. I am keeping my eyes and ears open, and hope to have some observations to make later on.

However, I can venture one or two things now. First, the Paris men are simply wonders in a personal way. There is a stamp on them, that stands out. One need not look twice to see that they are men of God. They are spiritual to the core. This, however, is something you are well aware of. As for their missionary methods, I know nothing as yet.

Second, I have an idea that the Chinese will be susceptible to our efforts—easy to convert, if they are given a square deal. The surface characteristic that has struck me most forcibly is their courtesy. This is a land of courtesy. Generally what people practice themselves is what they like, and so I think that a return of this courtesy would have its effect upon them.

The third notion that I can venture at this time is, that with America's prestige at its height this is certainly the *tempus acceptibile*, for the American is surely *persona grata*.

I have gathered some opinions about the beard, and think we shall be better off without it. The French priests themselves say that it used to be necessary but that now it is a matter of indifference. The Chinese whom I have asked about it say that they like a small beard on an old man, a long beard not at all, and no kind of beard on a young man. Besides, Americans are known even here as a clean-shaven race. In fact it has become a proverb.

As to the clerical dress, I am at a loss. Just now we wear the cassock everywhere, like the others. There is a temptation to do this. It is so easy when one never has to change clothes. Just what the Chinese think of it I have not an idea at present. The priests say with good reason that without the cassock we should now be taken for Protestant ministers and that the Catholic Chinese would find it difficult to believe that we were priests. However it is, chiefly a question of how the pagans

are affected, as I see it, always precluding of course, any real prejudice to those already converted. We may get a definite opinion on this pretty soon.

Bishop de Guébriant's FIELD AFAR came the other day, the October number, and we simply devoured it. I hope you are going to put us on your mailing list.

Visitors come and go every day here. Fr. Jarreau, whom you know and whom we like very much, has just left, also Fr. Thomas of Sancian Island. Fr. Deswazieres of the Leper Island, and some others, are here.

I have baptized 41 "kids" since I came here, and—would you believe it?—confirmed two! They were dying and the Bishop is away.

Their Home-land Friends.

WHEN the Maryknoll Mission quartette catch the notes that sound in the following paragraphs they will "tune up" a bit:

Thank you for the dear little calendar. Every time I look at the Fathers I say, "Deo gratias, I can do a little to help them!" —N.Y.

Every one just loves the Maryknoll Calendar—it keeps those dear apostles so close to us. Mine hangs beside our family altar, so that we include the missionaries and the cause in all our prayers. —Mass.

We have divided ourselves into sections so that each one of your missionaries may be assured of the daily prayers of five novices in perpetuity. We shall watch with continued interest their work in their new field, and each will try, in her sphere and through her relatives and friends, to make THE FIELD AFAR better known. —Pa.

My prayers have been following, through their long journey, your four missionaries to China, and I eagerly scan the pages of THE FIELD AFAR for news of them. Their short visit to our convent was much appreciated and we are still proving our gratitude by a daily remembrance in the Masses and Communion of the sisters and pupils. —Mo.

If you will let me know how much it will cost to put the Stations of the Cross in the first Maryknoll chapel in China I will try to get the money from my brother and sisters to help me to pay for them. We are only working people, but I felt that it would be nice to give the Stations as a thanksgiving offering for all the graces God has showered upon us. —N.Y.

I wish to make an offering for your most needy priests in the foreign missions. I leave the distribution of it to you, as you know best where to place it. Enclosed please find five 100-dollar Liberty Bonds. I ask that each priest who receives a Bond will offer a Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls at his convenience. If you mention this gift in THE FIELD AFAR it might be suggestive to others, but please do not mention my name. —N.Y.

I am a Catholic convert, in a rather poor parish where there are very few Catholics. Some months ago a friend gave me as a birthday present a copy of "The Martyr of Futuna" and a subscription to THE FIELD AFAR and I have made up my mind that the latter shall always be among my Catholic periodicals.

It may interest you to know that I have placed your little calendar next to my Crucifix, and seeing the faces of the gallant quartette I say some Hail Mary's to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every night for them. My sister and I are following carefully the journey of those noble men and hope that their labors will soon be fruitful.

Please send me six mite-boxes. Two I will dispose of in my family, and with the others I will try and get other Catholics interested. We are poor, but "God is never out-done in generosity." —West Indies



CANTON—DOMINATED BY THE CATHEDRAL

(The Church of Bishop de Guébriant, First Spiritual Father of the Missioners from Maryknoll)

Father Meyer's Log:

Hongkong, Nov. 5th. In the morning we had some purchases to make—books for the study of Cantonese, and helmets to protect us from the sun that even in November can cause trouble. The sun seems to have a peculiar power and glare here, the Chinese call it *fierce* and the word fits. It shines with a white glare like that of an arc light. I have not learned the reason; its rays are not as perpendicular to the earth



CHINESE TARS

here at this season as they are at New York at the summer solstice.

In the afternoon we visited the orphanage and new hospital of the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres. At the former a Chinese girl without arms was doing embroidering with her feet, holding the needles and her work with her toes. I may say that it is a very common thing to see a Chinese artisan holding his work between his toes while both hands are engaged upon it.

Nov. 6th. At 8 a. m. we left for Canton by boat with all the baggage, because the boats to Yeongkong go directly from Canton, so there is no advantage in leaving baggage at Hongkong.

The trip was pleasant. The boat was an English one, though I believe that we were the only foreigners on board. We had a real English meal at noon in the "European Ladies' Waiting Room."

A Chinese 'patent-medicine' vendor engaged the attention of the natives in second-class for more than three hours, extolling the merits of his various plasters, pills, and powders. To show their efficacy he produced a real live cobra from a bag, threw open his coat to expose his naked breast, and teased the reptile to strike. Then with much shrieking and gesticulating he showed

The first money received by the Maryknoll missionaries after reaching the Far East was a gift of two hundred dollars from a Catholic Chinese business man.

all those interested that the thing really had a hold on him. He did the same with other poisonous species and a number of onlookers hastened to procure the wonderful panacea. Probably no one of them had heard of the trick by which the venom is previously extracted from these reptiles. The incident recalled the once popular side-shows of our circuses and carnivals.

We arrived at Canton at 3.15 p. m. and found the Rev. Procurator with another priest waiting for us. The English language was the "Open Sesame" with the custom officials as we explained to them that we were American missionaries and that our baggage contained only articles for personal use.

Nov. 7th. Our language "professor" came in the afternoon and we arranged for four hours daily, 9-11 and 2-4, at twenty dollars (Mex.) per month, to be paid in advance. He is a pleasant fellow, about thirty-five years of age, and speaks some English.

Nov. 8th. We called on the American Consul-general, Mr. Pontius, to pay our respects and to have our passports viséed. He was very cordial. He has spent sixteen years in various parts of China. In the afternoon we visited the college of the *Little Brothers of Mary*, who, though French, speak and teach English. Theirs is considered one of the best colleges in the city and has a good enrollment, but almost all the students are pagans and it seems impossible to interest them in things religious. The general verdict here is that the real work of conversion must

be done among the poor and simple souls outside the cities.

We saw also the orphanage of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Canada. Of course we asked especially for Sister Angeline, once of Boston. Since November first these Sisters have baptized here and at an out-station one hundred babies. The greater part of them die, being sick or deformed, and the parents do not care to have them die at home.

Nov. 9th. First cool weather of the season. The thermometer dropped from 80 to 56.

Nov. 10th. (Sunday). High Mass at 9.00 with Gregorian chant by the seminarians. The Chinese celebrant's singing would compare very favorably with that of the average American priest. Another Chinese priest was the preacher. Many of the men wear the Chinese house-cap in church.

In the afternoon we visited the Catholic "Cemetery," a Christian settlement so called because of its proximity to the graves of the dead. Along the way we got our first view of the pagan tombs that cover all the hills and desirable locations. However, the Chinese in this section are losing their respect for the graves of the dead and it is possible to buy the land where graves are. An American-Chinese hospital and medical school occupies such ground. There is a thriving agricultural community at the Cemetery and the procurator at Canton had here a herd of dairy cows to supply milk to the orphanage and the mission.

Four years ago today Cardinal Farley ordained our first priest in the Cathedral at New York.

Nov. 11th. News was received this afternoon that Germany had accepted the allied terms of armistice. God be praised. He has lifted the scourge that men had made for themselves.

Nov. 12th. The whole city is celebrating with fire-crackers. The schools

THE PEACE DAY PARADE AT SHANGHAI
(Find the French Missioners)

and many business-houses are closed. Today is "French day" at Shameen (the Foreign Concession), tomorrow will be British; and the day after, American.

We had a talk today with one of the priests, the director of the seminary, regarding the Chinese and the missions. Here are some notes:

"They lack stability, perseverance; they begin but never finish; public improvements are made but never kept in repair; they cannot grasp the different phases of a question, or foresee contingencies. Some years ago the Government built many schools and then realized that there were no teachers. The white ants are now playing havoc with the school because they work particularly in unoccupied buildings or unfrequented rooms.

"Then there is the eternal graft, or 'squeeze.' The people are heavily taxed but nothing is done for them. The officials get it all—the man that leaves office without having made his fortune is sadly lacking in common sense. If a new industry bids fair to become profitable it is immediately so heavily taxed that it cannot grow, if it is not destroyed altogether. Conversions are almost impossible in the cities, where people have left their gods of stone and wood to serve Mammon and Venus. Those in the villages are more simple-minded and accept the faith much more readily. So Christ foretold and so it has always been."

But we are not to get the idea that it is only a matter of preaching to the villagers. Very few are converted in this manner. We must proceed indirectly—by acts of kindness and mercy, by establishing dispensaries and industries, assisting materially in order to win good will. These acts he styled "the beginnings of faith."

But the great need—and it has been insisted upon by all—is the school. It may be poor, with a catechist as teacher, but it is a place where the children are formed into what one might call "real Christians." New converts may be good enough but the results of their early training are often almost impossible to overcome.

Nov. 13th. One sees many soldiers and some sailors in Canton these days. They have barracks on the outskirts of the city and along the river front. But they are careless, listless fellows, without any of the snap of the real soldier. The average Chinese has little respect for them and looks upon them as no better than thieves.

The Chinese chaplain at the convent was sick so I went over for the daily baptism of infants. There were eight, and my first.

Nov. 14th. Fr. Robert came up from Hongkong to assist in the victory

celebration at the Cathedral, which consisted of the *Te Deum* and a sermon. The French, Italian and Portuguese consuls, with a number of other Europeans, were present. There was one American, not a Catholic, who is in the Chinese Customs service.



EUROPE IN ASIA ON PEACE DAY

Nov. 15th. Fr. Walsh and I have been taking turns baptizing at the convent. I had six today. The sister said that where the Chinese have come in contact with foreigners they have ceased to destroy babies, at least openly, and in some places are establishing orphanages; but that in the country districts there are wells into which the children are thrown. Even in Canton it is known that there is a house to which babies are brought and where they are allowed to die without food! A former pagan country woman, now a Christian at the orphanage, admitted that she had destroyed three of her own infants by throwing them into a well. When asked why she had done so she replied that she had had too much work to bother about caring for them. "Besides," she added "I didn't know it was a sin!"

Fr. Robert told Fr. Walsh at recreation that aspirants to the missions should, in his opinion, get a better training than the ordinary seminarian and that he would sacrifice everything to have a strong seminary. The professors should have been on the missions

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for six or seven years and then get two years of special training to fit them for teaching.

One of the greatest defects an aspirant can have is laziness. A man who works hard will be a good missionary. One may seem pious but if he is lazy he will never do much for souls. Good judgment is very much to be desired but it can be acquired if one is otherwise fit.

Nov. 16th. Went to bed with a severe cold in the head and chest. Every-one anticipated influenza.

Nov. 18th. Able to continue class in Chinese. An American doctor, a Kansan from Topeka, came in the afternoon and satisfied everyone by saying that there was no question of influenza. We took advantage of his presence to take up the question of a medicine kit for the mission and he promised to supply it.

Nov. 19th. Fr. Walsh baptized twelve babies today—the record. One of the sisters has herself baptized more than five hundred dying babies.

Nov. 20th. Our professor was sick in the afternoon and we went for a walk with Fr. Gauthier, who is so used to missionary travel that he cannot remain inactive. At the Little Sisters of the Poor we found two Irish nuns. The sisters care for about forty old women. I wish the Catholics of America might see the poor Chinese dwelling that they occupy, without proper light or ventilation.

We passed under the last gate left standing of the old city wall, which is being torn down to make a wide avenue through the city. Some say that there is to be a street car line on it—the first in Canton. At present there is, I believe, only one automobile in the city as but one or two streets are wide enough, but the younger generation is going to want autos and then there will have to be wider streets with good roads into the country.

What a vast amount of physical energy is expended every day here! Everything is done by hand. Take for instance the work at the new skyscraper of nine stories on the quay. Out in the river men on a junk dip a great bucket on the end of a bamboo pole down where

the water is shallow and slowly load their craft with sand. Then by sail or oars they propel it to the landing where coolies, men and women, each with two shallow baskets on the ends of a pole over the shoulders, carry it, perhaps a peck at a time, to its destination. Under rude shelters of matting placed beside piles of rough granite old men and women and little children sit all day long with their little hammers breaking into the proper sizes the larger pieces. Further along piles were being driven for the foundations of building. These are necessary because of the alluvial nature of the soil. Six coolies stationed at a crank raised the heavy hammer slowly and painfully to the proper height; then it was dropped, and once more, 1-2-3, it began slowly to rise.

Everywhere the same condition is found. Each little shop has its two or three workers fashioning before your eyes the articles for sale—anything and everything, from a toothbrush to furniture.

Nov. 21st. We remembered that this was a special feast at Maryknoll and as we knelt in spirit at the ceremony in the little chapel we looked at the cinctures we wore and recalled their signification. There was Benediction here in the evening.

Nov. 22nd. Fr. Gauthier went to bed with a cold and slight fever. Fr. Deswazières was here from the leper home. At table someone asked the new missionaries what was the most necessary virtue for them. We made several guesses. The answer was, "Cheerfulness, optimism." The man who is at all inclined to melancholy will have many difficulties, if he does not fail altogether.

Nov. 23rd. We are still engaged in the Chinese exercises analogous to the *rosa, rosae* of other days. It is only a poor analogy, however, because there is no inflection in Chinese. But there are tones galore, and so we repeat over and over, *sin, sin, sin, sin*—each in a different tone. There are only 780 words in Chinese, that is, words as we know them, or rather, as we represent them by letters of the alphabet. To get the thousands that are necessary there are nine tones in which the 780 may be uttered. Then there are aspirated and unaspirated initial consonants and long and short vowels, each device changing the meaning. In English we use tones for emphasis, in Chinese tones affect the meaning, so that one may not use the tone he pleases. If one uses the wrong tone he uses the wrong word and may not be understood. There is the short sharp tone, the rising tone similar to the questioning inflection in English but not at all interrogatory in Chinese, and the drawing tone, and all these in a higher and lower scale.

Nov. 25th. Attended the funeral of a Chinese priest who died rather suddenly

a few days ago of asthma. We went to the cemetery in chairs. It rained the whole time and we stood for the blessing of the grave with umbrellas over our heads, but that did not prevent our getting wet feet. The family of the dead priest wore white garments, or rather, pieces of muslin caught at the waist with a rude cincture over the ordinary clothes. At the grave there was much wailing, à la Chinese. On the return trip we came through the heart of the city and despite the rain the narrow streets were filled with people. How many hundreds of thousands absolutely indifferent to their souls' welfare, having no thought or knowledge of God! In Canton's two millions there are less than four thousand Catholics.

Nov. 26th. There seems to be a general agreement that missionaries should return home for one year in every ten, for the sake of health and to keep abreast with the times. The work is hard and the climate enervating and one's usefulness might be considerably increased by the change. The old objection that the return would take too much time and money no longer holds.

Nov. 28th. Thanksgiving Day—and certainly we have more than usual to thank God for. The Canton Government declared a three days' holiday and celebration to commemorate "world-peace"—with civil war going on! American Protestants held services at the Y.M.C.A. In the afternoon we attended the parade of Chinese soldiers, sailors, police, and students of the various schools.

We received news that Frs. Price and Ford had arrived at Hongkong yesterday.

Nov. 29th. We learned by letter that our confrères would come to Canton Sunday evening by rail, arriving here a little after six o'clock. We shall certainly be glad to see them. Fr. Ligneul is here from Hongkong to give a retreat and says that Fr. Price is like a young man.

Nov. 30th. Today was the anniversary of the founding of the Immaculate Conception Sisters of Canada. They have been nine years in Canton and during that period have secured the baptism of more than 11,000 babies! And the number is increasing as they are able to extend their work. But this is only a small part of those that have perished in Canton alone. In speaking of the destruction of babies in China, Fr. Gauthier said that there is a superstition among many that if a girl is destroyed the next child will be a boy.

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We have just received the first foundation for the training of a Chinese youth destined for the priesthood in the Maryknoll Mission.

The gift—\$1500—which makes generous allowance for all expenses—board, tuition, clothing, and travel—came through a priest as a thank-offering. Writing of the benefactress, a woman whose generosity has already secured the education of several American priests, our correspondent says:

She begs the student selected to remember her and her intention in his prayers, and, when he is a priest, to give her a memento in his Masses.

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A New Development.



THE MARYKNOLL JUNIOR, which recently occupied four pages in this section of **THE FIELD AFAR**, has "stepped out" and will soon make his bow standing on his own sturdy legs.

Then, holding aloft eight breezy pages, he will start on a merry chase after the Catholic youth of America and other English-speaking countries, including possibly Ireland. (Why not?)

At this writing we have not much to say about the youngster except that he is the son of his father. He must, however, prove himself, and we have an idea that he will do this. His ambition is not so much to play with the babies as to find friends among those who in a few years will be grown men and women and whose minds are even now ready to store impressions of foreign mission life and accomplishment.

The Maryknoll Junior, we have said, will stand on his own legs, and he will run on them, but he will be under the constant direction of no less a personage than the Reverend I. Chin, familiarly known as *Fr. Chin*.

Fr. Chin has been requested to sit for his photograph, but he refuses, on the plea that every time he tries a lens is spoiled. Besides, he likes to be considered a mysterious personage, which to some extent is quite true. He assures us that he will watch the boy and we are satisfied that he will live up to his word.

Success to you, *Fr. Chin*! Our best wishes go with you, and if you don't make a man of our **Junior** may you have the good sense to come back and sit down.

Important!

I. CHIN, known as Father I. Chin, bespeak your patronage, **FIELD AFAR** readers!

The Maryknoll Junior is my pet charge, which I hope not to spoil but to strengthen in every way. *Now listen!*

The Junior begins its separate existence this month—March—before the fifteenth day, I hope.

The Junior will carry eight pages of copy, including pictures, that will delight the heart of every boy or girl who reads it.

The Junior will be a little smaller than **THE FIELD AFAR**, but it will feel just as big, and it may yet have a larger circulation than its father.

It will cost something to trot out **The Maryknoll Junior**, but this will be done every month in the year and the subscription price will be only twenty-five cents (two movies and a half).

And if ten or more copies go to the same address the subscription price for each will be only twenty cents a year (one movie and a taxed soda).

Already the news about **The Junior** has traveled, and the first thousand names of subscribers have been registered on the Maryknoll index cards.

Boys heard of it; girls heard of it; sisters in the upper grammar grades and in the high school, teaching brothers, and last but not least, our unfailing priest-friends in parishes, heard of it—and hastened to be among the first to start the youngster right.

And now you have heard of **The Maryknoll Junior**. Will you let the youngster come around to see you every month? Send me a note—a dollar banknote—for four subscriptions; or if you prefer to size up the boy first, send twenty-five cents in stamps. He will go to you gladly.

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What Missioners in Asia Are Saying.

I HAD the very great pleasure of receiving, some days ago, your two missioners, Frs. Price and Ford. I hope your Mission in China will succeed, and I pray for that intention and promise a Mass next month.

—*Bishop Demange, Taikou, Korea.*

I have been so glad, so happy, to receive in my home for a short visit your first missioners, Fr. Price and Fr. Ford. They said Holy Mass in my little chapel and it was a great honor for me. May God bless them and all those who shall come after them, to help in the great work of converting China!

—*Fusan, Korea.*

God bless you for having given us an opportunity to see your missioners. Both of them, each in his own way, have made the best impression, and it seems to me you could not have chosen better subjects.

One cannot see many things in two days, but we did our best to show them everything, and he who wishes to see can see much. I fear they were poorly treated, for we were quite upset on account of the influenza. We talked together in English, French, and Latin, and when words failed we were so united in heart that we understood one another.

—*Bishop Mutel, Seoul, Korea.*

I have seen your first apostles for China, two of them coming together, and Fr. Price with his companion a few days later. They all looked O. K. and were in high spirits. Unfortunately, they were almost running and could hardly give me, in Kobe, a few hours. They had traveled by railway and had seen a great deal and heard more of Japan. Fr. Price kindly consented to preside at our modest Rosary devotions on Sunday night. Had he arrived a few hours earlier, undoubtedly my small congregation would have been pleased to hear from him who he was, where he was going, and what for—but that wasn't done.

It is quite an event, this arrival of the first pioneers of your young but strong Society, going to the conquest for the Kingdom of Our Lord of an important portion of China. It has passed nearly unnoticed on earth, but I am sure in Heaven the angels greatly rejoiced over it and looked down with interest on the first steps of these Maryknoll workers.

Writing for the time (which will come) when Maryknoll has a field and laborers in Japan, I pray from the bottom of my heart for the success of your first enterprise in China.

—*Kobe, Japan.*

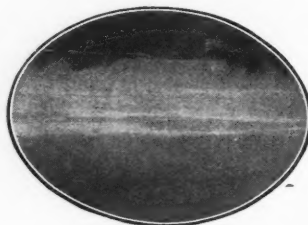
At the Centre.

MARYKNOLLERS have pitched their tents high on the Ossining hills—so high that when the dreaded influenza spread, on its first visitation, through the village below, it did not reach them, and only one, our Scotch rhymster who happened to be “propaganding” down in New Jersey, was affected. Characteristically, however, he soon bobbed up no worse for wear, and we were congratulating ourselves on our escape—until the return of the epidemic, which put to bed fully a third of our flock.

Those were dark days, such as we know many of our readers have recently passed through, but God was good and we are thankful. One of our students who had left Maryknoll two short weeks before succumbed to the disease, but of those who were stricken on the Knoll, all, through God's mercy, were preserved. Accommodations were crowded, but intelligent care, under the direction of a skilful physician, co-operated with many prayers and saved the flock—for, let us hope, better service than it has yet given to its ever-protecting Master.

The student whose death is alluded to in the above paragraph was Arthur Cushman, of Lewiston, Maine. Mr. Cushman was a convert, who had formerly been connected with a socialist paper in his home town. After his baptism he had studied at St. Mary's Seminary and taught at St. Charles' College, which he left three years ago to enter Maryknoll. Mr. Cushman was a talented student, and his was a heroic soul that had endured much. His spirit of poverty and self-denial was pronounced, and his confidence in God supreme. We commend his soul to the prayers of our readers.

But although through God's Providence the Maryknollers were not decimated, by the same



Divine Guidance the family lost shortly afterwards fifteen of its members. This was due to the exodus of the Vénard seniors, who had been living with Mother Maryknoll because down in Pennsylvania there was no room for them. Towards the end of February the new Power-House, which will serve at present as a College, was about ready for occupancy, and the “boys” left “Mother” again. It was an elevator experience, down and up, with other ups and downs.

At Maryknoll each had had a bit of a room to himself, but at the Green, at least for a fortnight, until the plaster dried in the new dormitory, conditions reminded one of travel on a Chinese junk, where bed-space is floor-space measured to the sleeper. On the other hand, at the Knoll the youths were mere juniors, not to call them intruders. At Clark's Green they were the admired seniors who soon would be seminarians. We don't know yet whether or not they would have preferred to remain at Ossining and keep the Hudson in view. We have heard two opinions.

Did their going bring relief to their elders? It certainly gave better accommodation—but the boys were missed, as all boys are.

We almost dread the day when buildings will be so disposed at the Maryknoll educational establishments that there will be no more shifting, and sometimes we wonder if a missionary's training should not be carried on under changes so as to get him into the moving habit, which every successful missionary must contract.

For present practical results, however, we are looking forward to the day when two solid structures, definitely arranged, will crown the hills at Ossining and the Green—one at each place—and that day is already on the more or less distant horizon.

In the several frame buildings that we dignify by the name of *Seminary* we have possible accommodations for about fifty students of philosophy and theology and ten auxiliary-brothers. At present we have thirty-five students and six auxiliaries—and *we are growing*. It will be unwise to make further additions to our present buildings, which are destined to serve useful purposes as soon as we leave them, and as we look ahead we are forced to the conclusion that although we can float the crew next year, 1919-1920, we shall in all probability need a new ship for 1920-1921.

And what is more—not to say worse—the latest addition at the Vénard, together with the original farm-house, will provide down there for sixty students. Today there are forty. How long will it take before we pass the sixty mark? Here again it looks as if the sky-line of our hill-site at Clark's Green must include at least a portion of the final College by September 1920.

This means two new solid buildings under construction at the same period of time, and while we cannot estimate costs in these days, we anticipate an expenditure which, if this were a business proposition, would be serious indeed. It does not frighten us, however, for this is God's business. Experience has proven that we should not be anxious on this score. God inspires where He wills, and many who will pay for these buildings, though still unknown to us, are known to God. There are Catholics in this country who will be proud to contribute to the Maryknoll Seminary and

the Vénard Apostolic College. It is our duty—and you can help us—to find them and make known the opportunity. God works through human agencies.

THE FIELD AFAR propaganda is on again. Two priests and two auxiliary-brothers, a limited force but high in quality, are out making friends. One of our priests has been familiarizing himself with New Jersey, its hospitable priests and excellent people. He has been after subscriptions to THE FIELD AFAR and the MARYKNOLL JUNIOR, and as result, New Jersey, on whose hills we have looked from Maryknoll as on the habitat of strangers, now appears as a neighbor State, full of warm hearts.

Another priest, our ex-Chaplain, has jumped to the Middle West, that section of our country which gave to Maryknoll its first young priest and has today a large representation at both our houses. The purpose of this visit is primarily to interest youths in colleges and seminaries, also young women students in academies and colleges.

The Middle West recalls two events that have, or should have, been inserted in red ink in the Maryknoll log: the appointment of Archbishop Dowling to the See of St. Paul, and the visit to Maryknoll of Bishop McNicholas of Duluth.

Archbishop Dowling has watched Maryknoll, and in more ways than one he has helped it to grow, from its beginning, and in the years of preparation that preceded its actual establishment he was its friend and counsellor.

Bishop McNicholas has been a friend of later years but hardly less interested. Before his appointment as secretary to the Dominican General at Rome he had received the Teresians—the women's organization at Maryknoll—as Tertiaries of his Order and had encouraged and advised them in their correspondence with ecclesiastical au-

thorities. Some of our readers will remember that he opened the *Diocese of Duluth Maryknoll Burse*, accompanying the act with noble words which have already appeared in these pages. We were more than glad, therefore, to see Bishop McNicholas, when, in the midst of oppressive duties, he spared a few precious hours for a much-appreciated visit to Maryknoll.

And the Teresians, of course, shared in the joy of the visit.

The Teresians—we have not yet given to them the share of space in this paper that they deserve, not because we fear to spoil them, but because we have been waiting to see them provided with sufficient accommodations to allow the large increase that might follow wide and persistent announcement.

It is hard to calculate mathematically the influence of individuals and groups in such a work as ours, but we believe that we should not be very far out of the way to say that humanly speaking one-third of Maryknoll's success can be traced to the

daily labors, manual, clerical, and intellectual, of the Teresians; and this does not take into account the more important co-operation of prayers, Communion, and the consecration of their labor to the advancement of the world-wide cause.

The Teresians now number twenty-eight. They were founded by the late Cardinal Farley, who secured for them approval to organize as a "pious union of women," living in community under their own constitutions and subject to the general canonical regulations. Their present work is confined to this country but already the warning is coming from overseas to prepare some of their members for service in the Maryknoll mission-field.

Two more of the Scheut Fathers (Belgian Foreign Missions) have honored us with a visit on their long journey from their homeland to their mission in China—Fr. Joseph Kervyn and Fr. Edmund Devloo. We are always happy at Maryknoll to receive passing missionaries.



THE LATEST VIEW OF THE PRO-SEMINARY AT MARYKNOLL
(This Building is at the Limit of Extension)

The "flu" upset our morale somewhat and left, among other worldly desires, a hankering for an occasional *Victrola* concert, such as was given on a borrowed machine to the convalescents. Knowing THE FIELD AFAR's enviable reputation for touching stones and drawing blood, one of the former invalids writes: "Don't break a record! Pass on the *Victrola* idea—and—who knows?"

The Tsu twins are no longer at Maryknoll. With their wings strengthened, and their tongues more or less loosened, they have flown westward, one to *St. Mary's*, Dayton, Ohio, the other to *Notre Dame*, Indiana.

They came to this country, it will be remembered, in the custody of the Maryknoll Superior, who promised to keep them under his eye until they could make this flight.

The new building at our preparatory College has relieved a crowded condition at Maryknoll—and we are now in a position to accept about ten more auxiliary-brothers.

The auxiliary-brother who attaches himself to this work can advance it considerably by his consecrated service here or on the mission-field. There are young men in all parts of this country who would, we are convinced, be happy to offer themselves for this apostolic career if they knew of the opportunity.

Study does not appeal to all of the young men who would welcome a life-service in the Church, and even the priesthood does not attract some, who hesitate to accept its grave responsibilities. On the other hand, a life led for God, well-regulated and free from all worldly care, is in many respects ideal. Not that the young man who enters upon it should expect a paradise upon earth—this is impossible, and, in a follower of the Crucified, undesirable; but it offers the "better part," as he who embraces



THE AUXILIARIES' CHAPEL
WITH ST. JOSEPH MISSING

it after the stress of outside struggle realizes. There are sacrifices connected with the life of an auxiliary-brother as with the life of a priest, but there are many consolations and abundant graces.

The Maryknoll auxiliary-brothers are highly respected members of the Maryknoll family, and there is scope, in our activities, for almost every talent and accomplishment. A young man may have only one talent and be unable to offer more than a willing heart in a healthy body; or he may have many talents, natural or acquired. A place can be found for him, whatever his previous occupation has been, and his talent will earn much for God and for souls.

Auxiliary-brothers are received at Maryknoll between the ages of sixteen and thirty-five. They retain the disposition of any property they may possess. After five years they are aggregated for life as members of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

Don't keep it forever in that sentiment-lined box. Of what earthly use to you is that single ear-ring or that long-stopped watch, and the old collar button that "grandfather used to wear?"

Say a prayer for grandfather's soul, take out the hidden treasures and let them earn something. If you send them to Maryknoll we will test their earning capacity and we can say in advance that they will accomplish some good.

The Vénard Report.

REPORTS are in order, and the first that comes is from the Vénard Apostolic College, our preparatory school near Scranton, Pennsylvania.

We note that the property holdings are about \$60,000 and the mortgage \$12,000. This speaks well for the younger brother, although we are anxious to see him cancel that mortgage. He can do this by getting *buyers* (?) for his land, and we understand that the *Maryknoll Juniors* will have something to say about this plan.

We remark also in the Vénard report that \$8,000 in burse money has been set aside to help educate some of the students who cannot meet the expense of preparatory training. We wish that this could be \$80,000,—and some day it will be that much. Then—we should be assured, at five per cent, of \$4,000 a year—enough to take care of sixteen youths instead of one-and-three-fifths, as now.

The gross receipts were	\$56,276.30
The gross expenditures	54,978.09

The present Directors of the Vénard Apostolic School Corporation are:

Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hoban,	<i>Honorary President</i>
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS, 1918

Since its last report on January 22, 1918, the Vénard Apostolic College has, under the very evident care of Divine Providence, prospered in many ways. Despite the depressing effect of the war on every activity not directly concerned therewith, the Vénard has not only held its own but has developed a very satisfactory growth—one that seems to warrant a wholly optimistic view of the coming year.

Improvements made during the past year were as follows:

1. A thorough renovation of the College pro-tem.

Accommodations in the refectory having proved inadequate, another

room was added, giving a combined capacity of sixty students, with faculty. A large and up-to-date pantry was built adjoining, while the kitchen was remodeled in the interests of efficient service.

Almost the entire house has been re-plastered, re-painted, and re-floored—the last-mentioned improvement being amply warranted by the degree of warmth thereby secured. While a considerable share of this work was done by the student body, during the daily manual labor period, special credit is due to the members of our auxiliary brotherhood, whose part in the Society's work and success cannot be discounted.

A spacious room at the entrance has been remodeled for a Mission Exhibit and Reception Room. Steps have already been taken to secure an interesting display of trophies from various foreign mission fields.

The upper part of the house was also thoroughly renovated and necessary new fixtures installed in lavatories and "showers."

Some advisable changes were made in the heating and hot-water systems.

In the Chapel an additional number of pews were ordered for the students, and some minor changes made in the lighting system, while a bell-less belfry and an empty niche were adorned respectively with a tycin and a beautiful statue of Mary the Apostles' Queen.

New roofing for a portion of the house, the placing of screen doors during the summer months, together with some outside painting, complete the list of repairs to the temporary college building.

2. The new Power House and Laundry.

By far the most important addition to the estate was the new large fire-proof building, destined to serve the projected College as a power plant, central heating plant, and laundry combined. For the present this building will be used to accommodate the student "overflow."

Simple in design, fire-proof throughout, with walls of grey brick and a tile roof, this structure is good to look upon, while its generous size will prove a Godsend to the students, who have never yet known, at the Vénard, the blessing of enough room—for beds, and desks, and "things." Heat is secured by the Spencer System, with a self-feeding boiler of ample capacity, and the plumbing installation, both in layout and durable quality of fixtures, leaves nothing to be desired.

At this temporary "College Annex," complete save for the final touches, there will be a dormitory accommodating fifty students, eight individual bedrooms—for the faculty and visiting guests—with lavatories, on the top floor; while on the ground floor will be a large study hall, class rooms, a combined "trunk and locker" room, and a boiler room. Adjoining the boiler room is a capacious coal cellar, underground, of rein-

forced concrete, with a capacity of six carloads.

3. The Vegetable Cellar.

Another underground cellar, also of reinforced concrete, was built adjoining the new power house, for the storage of fruits and vegetables. This cellar is divided into two longitudinal compartments, with a capacity of 1500 bushels each, and should accommodate all present and future needs of the community. It is well ventilated, lighted by electricity, and can be heated when necessary to dispel dampness.

4. The Artesian Well.

The problem of preventing the pump for the artesian well from freezing during the zero hours was solved by lowering it several feet beneath the surface and housing it in a box of reinforced concrete. To maintain the required pressure in the water tank, and so secure a constant supply of water at all the outlets, the electric motor was wired for an automatic switch, which has already been purchased and will soon be in operation.

5. The Grounds.

The front and side lawns of the college were graded and sodded, and necessary repairs were made to the various driveways. A large field of lowland was drained with sub-surface tile for a ball grounds, while a combination "tennis courts and skating rink" was constructed near the house. The labor for these improvements was largely furnished by the students themselves, assisted by the auxiliary brothers.

6. The Farm.

The farm diary records, in addition to the usual program of country life, the clearing of fourteen acres of arable land heretofore unused; the planting of a ten-acre orchard of apple, plum, peach, pear, cherry and quince trees; and the setting out of several hundreds

of strawberry, blackberry and raspberry vines.

The farm yield was as follows: Oats, 450 bu.; Buckwheat, 117 bu.; Sugar Corn, 200 bu.; Corn (ensilage) 150 tons; Hay, 8 tons; Potatoes, 800 bu.; Cabbage, 2000 heads.

The Dairyman's journal for the year shows 1432 lbs. of butter furnished, 8021 qts. of whole milk, 484 qts. of cream (worth \$1.00 per qt.), and 12,200 qts. of skim milk.

1130 dozens of eggs was the contribution from the henry.

Most of the meat for the table was secured from Scranton. However, the following came from the farm: 14 pigs, of an average weight of 140 lbs., 2 beeves, 500 lbs. each; 5 calves averaging 80 lbs. each; and 277 chickens.

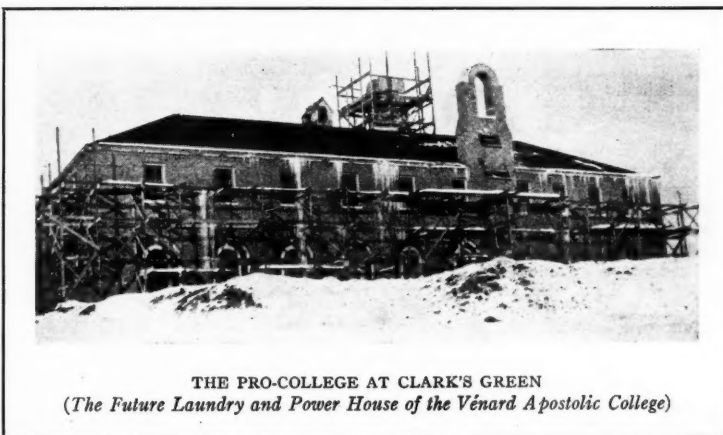
Altogether the income from the farm proper amounted to a value of \$8,990.32 while its expenses totaled \$7,462.94—showing a profit of \$1,527.38.

The "Truck Garden," considered separately as it was planted and cultivated by the auxiliary-brothers, supplied fresh vegetables of all kinds to the table during the summer and early fall, and, in addition, furnished the Canning Department with sufficient supplies for the following output: Corn, 550 qts.; Tomatoes, 490 qts.; Plums, 840 qts.; Pears, 125 qts.; Rhubarb, 145 qts.; Peas, 175 qts.; Asparagus, 70 qts.; Swiss Chard, 85 qts.; Crabapples, 100 qts.; Beans, 240 qts.; Cherries, 5 qts.; Huckleberries, 30 qts. (Value \$885.55).

150 bushels of apples were picked by the students and brothers. (Value \$75.00).

With the cannery, conducted by the Teresians assisted by the brothers, to supply our winter and early spring needs, and fresh vegetables from the garden in the summer and fall, we feel that the truck patch is a decided asset.

The combined value received, from the farm, truck garden and orchards, amounted to \$9,950.87.



THE PRO-COLLEGE AT CLARK'S GREEN
(The Future Laundry and Power House of the Vénard Apostolic College)

7. "Our Lady of the Missions."

A most significant item of our report is that of the purchase of a house and farm adjoining the College, for the use of the Teresians, to accommodate a branch of the society of zealous mission workers that has contributed so largely to Maryknoll's success.

With a few modest expenditures, for a sadly needed heating plant and some necessary furniture, the farm house was speedily transformed into the convent of "Our Lady of the Missions," and the first branch of the Teresians became an established fact. They have met many of the domestic needs of the College, and at the same time are making the foreign mission idea known in the best field of possible vocations, viz, the parochial schools of Scranton. The welcome accorded the Teresians by the Scrantonians has been a hearty and a sincere one, and with God's supporting grace they will do much for the Cause.

8. Sources of Income.

Friends of the Vénard, in the diocese of Scranton, have been constant in their generosity, over three thousand dollars having been received from them during the past year. It is a pleasure to acknowledge publicly their interest in foreign missions and their loyalty to the Vénard.

Expenses have been heavy, however, and it has been necessary to apply to Maryknoll for an unusually large subsidy—\$27,797.00.

In view of the fact that the Vénard has no source of regular income, except the interest on partially completed burses, but is subsidized almost entirely from Maryknoll, it is of the utmost importance, if we would build a permanent institution, that the basis of a steady revenue be established. Maryknoll, already under heavy expense, and now bearing the additional burden of supporting its missionaries in the foreign field, cannot long continue to bear the added expense of maintaining and developing the Vénard, without material assistance from outside.

The most practical solution of the problem seems to lie in the hope of building up a foundation of burses, whose annual interest will meet the ordinary expenses of house maintenance. If this can be done, the permanence and the success of our preparatory school is assured. Unless it be accomplished, we have no guarantee of endurance or growth.

9. Attendance.

The number of students attending the preparatory course is forty-two. Some who took temporary leave to serve the cause of freedom have made the supreme sacrifice, and several who had been accepted as students felt it their duty to serve first their country militant before joining the ranks of the Church militant. With the close of the war that has made so many thou-

sands of young men and women "think in their hearts" as never before, there seems every reason to expect an unusual increase in vocations to the exclusive service of God, and a good foundation for the hope that these vocations will not be limited to service in the home land. The idealism of America is a new force in the world. Surely that same idealism will inspire a mighty army to bring God and happiness to pagan peoples, and lead the heathen nations to thank Our Country not alone for the material blessings of an enduring freedom but for the spiritual blessings as well of a Faith and a Hope worth infinitely more. If our young men and women but correspond with the impelling grace of God, such will be our future history. Confident that this cooperation will be accorded, we are expecting a strong growth in foreign mission vocations that will place America in her proper place as a leading spiritual nation of the world.

Take good care of your Thrift Card. If it is lost the money paid for stamps cannot be recovered. Why not use it in our new building, which must be paid for out of Bonds, War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps?

From the Procure.

MARYKNOLL-in-San-Francisco "pursues the even tenor of its way." We learn that the genial Chaplain, Fr. McQuaide, has returned to his parochial duties, and we think this worthy of mention because Fr. McQuaide was the first San Francisco priest to welcome our young Society to the Golden Gate.

We learn, also, with much satisfaction, that the Maryknoll Auxiliary has kept up its interest; that the house grocer has dropped a generous portion of fruit on the back stoop and neglected to place the item on the monthly bill; that a Catholic goods firm has presented the Procure with a pair of candlesticks for its little altar; that Mr. Choi Chum called and took Fr. McShane with Brother Thomas to a Chinese dinner (which ceremony seems to have been repeated at a later date); and, from a score of other items, that the San Franciscans are beginning to like Maryknoll.

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In the death of Miss Sarah Downing, of San Francisco, the Maryknoll Procure has lost one of its best friends. Miss Downing was interested in Maryknoll from the beginning and it was her proud boast that she was the first FIELD AFAR subscriber on the Pacific coast. She was the first president of the Maryknoll Auxiliary of San Francisco and when her term expired she was made honorary president, a title that was to be given to her alone. May her generous soul rest in peace!

We all are learning that it is worth while to "gather up the fragments," and the next thing is to find out what to do with them.

Take, for example, *tin foil* and *cancelled stamps*. There is money to be made and money to be lost on such gatherings. Either can be sold, but it is quite possible for you to lose in transportation more than either is worth.

Therefore, Maryknoll is looking for centres, in different parts of the country, where tin foil and stamps may be accumulated. Can you suggest a centre?

Don't send the contents of a *mile-box* in coin. Get it changed into postage stamps or War Savings Stamps or into a post-office money order. The other day we received a *mile-box* containing \$1.25 which cost 46 cents to mail.



THE MARYKNOLL MISSION CIRCLES.

A Maryknoll Mission Circle is a group of women who meet to work and pray for Maryknoll and the foreign missions. It is a club which combines duty and pleasure, for it is based on the realization that all have a share in the responsibility of fulfilling the message of Christ, "Going, teach all nations." Its fundamental principle is that of sacrifice—sacrifice of a part of the time and money which would otherwise be devoted to pleasure.

The members, varying in number from five to twenty-five, meet monthly. Circle business is attended to, stories or topics relative to mission needs are read and discussed, and some work for Maryknoll—generally sewing—is done. Each member also promises a daily prayer for the cause of foreign missions.

Each Circle may have a particular line of activity, such as: the collection of cancelled stamps, tinfoil and old jewelry; the spreading of *THE FIELD AFAR* as a means to arouse mission interest; the distribution of mite boxes; the sewing of household or altar linens for Maryknoll or the Maryknoll Mission in China.

Monthly dues of five or ten cents are applied to the education of a student at Maryknoll, or to any special Maryknoll fund in which the members are interested or for associate membership in the Catholic Foreign Mission Society. The spiritual benefits of membership are applicable to the living or the dead.

LENT has come and with it a desire to do at least a little bit more for God during the holy season. Why not direct that little bit towards the missions?

A suggestion comes that Circle members give spiritual aid one day each week, or even once a month, by assisting at Mass and receiving Holy Communion for Maryknoll and the missions. This will be a precious gift; and the blessings that will come into your own life—how can they be measured? The Director will be glad to know of Circles making this Lenten offering, as it is a special encouragement to all at Maryknoll.

Be sure, also that your mite-box is ready for sacrifice coins. A post-card will bring you one.

What can one group of earnest Circlers do?

During the past months, the *Immaculate Conception Circle of Brooklyn, N. Y.*, has interested friends in a "Gift to the Christ-Child for His Missions," and as a result there comes to us the sum of ninety dollars.

May the lives of all who have helped to make this offering be the richer in blessings!

Letters from Circle secretaries indicate active interest in the Maryknolls here and abroad. They were received during the past month from:

Maryknoll Maria Circle, Danielson, Conn.; Circle No. 4, Cumberland, Md.; Alpha Gamma, New Bedford, Mass.; St. Patrick's and Mary Xavier's, Westfield, Mass.; St. Bridget's, Worcester, Mass.; Maryknoll Circle, Brewster, N. Y.; St. Francis Xavier's, Rochester, N. Y.; St. Teresa's, Tarrytown, N. Y.; St. Columba's, Phila., Pa.; Circle No. 1, Pittsburgh, Pa.; St. Joseph's and Blessed Margaret Mary's, Pawtucket, R. I.

A very practical kind of service that would be welcomed by *THE FIELD AFAR* department of Maryknoll would be the visiting of our slower subscribers for their renewals.

Circles or Juniors could help us much along this line. We have two auxiliary-brothers out on this mission and they are always received graciously, but they cannot get around many large cities in the course of a year, not to speak of the smaller places.

Does this idea appeal?

Here and there we learn of friends who hesitate to form Maryknoll Mission Circles because they can begin with only three or four members. Don't wait for more. *Begin* and gradually others will join you. Strength does not lie in numbers alone but in intensity of purpose. Give your spiritual aid to this work for souls. Read mission literature at your meetings, spread it and talk it to your friends, for lack of interest is oftentimes due to lack of knowledge.



Then Jesus said to His disciples: If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For he that will save his life, shall lose it: and he that shall lose his life for My sake, shall find it.—Matt. xvi.

Will you be a bearer of the Immaculate Conception's Message? Send for a copy of the formula which will explain this simple and efficient work for souls.

The idea of having Sodality, Altar Societies and Red Cross Units form Maryknoll Maria Circles, thus directing some of their energies towards aiding spiritually and materially the work of the American Foreign Mission Society, is getting popular. The summary of the year's work done by the Sodality members of Rochester, N. Y., who have formed the *St. Francis Xavier Maryknoll Circle* shows what can be done. In the *Mission Number* of their report, we read:

The members decided to meet every Friday evening. At the same time it was agreed that on the First Friday of every month the Circle would recite the Rosary and a prayer for all missionaries before the Blessed Virgin's altar, and that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass would be offered once a month for the foreign missions.

During the first year of its existence, the Circle has collected through mite-boxes, self-denial fund, etc., about \$250. At present there are fifty-two members, all of whom are very much interested in the American Foreign Mission Society and especially in the four pioneers who left last September for Maryknoll-in-China.

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This last woman is not a Catholic, but when I asked her to give me a dollar, and explained what it was for, she said that she would subscribe as it was for a good purpose.

Such co-operation as this is of untold value to a work like ours:

On the feast of St. Francis Xavier we placed his statue in the chapel, surrounded by lights and flowers, and all the inmates of our hospital, sisters and patients, offered their day for the success of the Maryknoll missionaries who are walking in the footsteps of the Apostle of the Indies. They are never forgotten in our daily prayers, but in this way we tried to do an "extra" bit. I have always your leaflet, "Suggestions for a Daily Memento of the Missions," on my desk, and have placed one in a conspicuous place in our community room to help the Sisters not to forget.

—Mass.

The Saint Patrick Burse is waiting for you, Child of Erin!

A Maryknoll Mite-Box on your mantel will be to others a symbol of love for the missions and will invite all to cooperate with you.

By the death of Mother M. Sebastian, of St. Mary's Convent, Pittsburgh, Maryknoll has lost a friend but gained an intercessor in heaven. Devoted to her own beloved order, Mother Sebastian's truly Catholic heart embraced also the foreign mission cause and impelled her to start for Maryknoll the *Lady of Mercy* Burse, which she had hoped to see completed before her death.

May Sweet Jesus rest her soul!

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THE FIELD AFAR is always open to such requests as this:

We are planning a Catholic Press Sunday for the fifteenth, with the double purpose of giving the students a wider and more intimate acquaintance with Catholic periodicals and of encouraging them to use those periodicals as Christmas gifts. We shall be pleased to distribute any copies of THE FIELD AFAR you may wish to send.

—Ind.

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—Pa.

Two burses to be especially favored during March are those of St. Joseph and St. Patrick.

We know a bishop who will be pleased to learn that the St. Columba Burse has received an extra three hundred dollars, this time from the St. Columba Club of Boston.

With an order for *A Modern Martyr* a priest friend in Victoria, B. C., writes:

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From a friend in Woburn, Mass., we have recently received the generous gift of \$50, and since our written acknowledgment has been twice returned to us by the postal authorities we take this means of thanking the unlocatable donor.

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Reviews.

We find in "A Missionary Manual" recently issued by the Catholic Truth Society of London the Mass for the Propagation of the Faith, with prayers and hymns bearing on the same subject. Those desiring to stimulate the missionary zeal of children and others will find an effective instrument in this booklet, which sells for only a penny.

J. Schaefer of 23 Barclay St., New York, announces the publication of a small pamphlet by Rev. Ignatius Zeller entitled: *The Conversion of Two Lutheran Ministers to the Roman Catholic Church in 1863*. The author—one of the ministers in question—celebrates this year the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Price of the pamphlet, 25c. postpaid.

The literary works of Fr. Beschi, a priest of the Society of Jesus and a pioneer missionary in India, have induced one of his confrères, Fr. Besse, to publish a book entitled, *Father Beschi—His Times and Writings*. This book is a revelation of apostolic zeal united to untiring scholarly labors.

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